

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application (Irrespective of whether the claims remains under examination in the application) are presented below and the amendment to the claims is expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A lighting system having a reduced danger of fire hazard achieved by reducing the operating temperature of the system, comprising:

a housing;

a plurality of halogen light bulb units generally uniformly spaced within the housing;

and

a shield connected to the housing, for inhibiting access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units from above, the shield positioned such that the plurality of halogen light bulb units are between the shield and the housing, ~~the plurality of halogen bulbs and the shield configured such that the temperature of the shield on a surface opposite the plurality of halogen bulbs stays below 500°F ; and~~

a switch for commonly switching the plurality of halogen light bulb units;

wherein the plurality of halogen bulbs are configured such that the temperature of the shield on a surface opposite the plurality of halogen bulbs stays below a temperature that would ignite a flammable material.
2. (Original) The lighting system from claim 1, further comprising a vent area for venting heated air from the housing.
3. (Previously Presented) The lighting system from claim 1, further comprising a heat sensor placed within the housing, for shutting off the plurality of halogen light bulb units at a threshold temperature.

4. (Currently Amended) A lighting system with reduced danger of fire hazard, achieved by reducing the operating temperature of the system, comprising:
- a housing;
 - a plurality of halogen light bulb units spaced within the housing; and
 - a switch for commonly switching the plurality of halogen light bulb units; and
- a shield connected to the housing, for inhibiting access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units, wherein the plurality of halogen light bulb units are halogen bulbs with a G9 socket that are sold under the HALOPIN trademark and brand units manufactured by OSRAM.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) The lighting system of claim 1 further comprising a tilt switch for shutting off the plurality of halogen light bulb units when the housing is moved from a specified orientation.
7. (Previously Presented) The lighting system of claim 1, further comprising:
- a torchère base member for supporting the housing, the plurality of halogen light bulb units and the shield; and
 - a torchère support member disposed between the base member and the housing;
- wherein the shield limits access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units from above.
8. (Currently amended) A lighting system for producing lighting power substantially equal to that of a single high-watt halogen bulb system, but having a substantially reduced operating temperature, the lighting system comprising:
- a housing;
 - a plurality of halogen light bulb units generally uniformly spaced within the housing, the plurality of halogen light bulb units having a total lighting power generally equal to a single high-watt halogen bulb system; and

a shield connected to the housing, for inhibiting access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units, the shield positioned such that the plurality of halogen light bulb units are between the shield and the housing, ~~the halogen light bulb units having an operating temperature such that the temperature of the shield will stay below 500°F~~ ; and

a switch for commonly switching the plurality of halogen light bulb units;

wherein the halogen light bulb units have an operating temperature such that the temperature of the shield stays below a temperature that would ignite a flammable material.

9. (New) The lighting system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of halogen light bulb units consists of a set of five 60-watt light bulb units.
10. (New) The lighting system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of halogen light bulb units consists of a set of five 60-watt light bulb units.
11. (New) The lighting system of claim 1, wherein the temperature remains below 500°F.